

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Number 79-4

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WHEREAS, the State of Arizona may be subjected to emergencies and disasters of all kinds and various magnitudes; and,

WHEREAS, the safety of persons and property within the State of Arizona may be threatened by conditions of extreme peril resulting from the effects of natural or man-caused disasters which endanger life, property and resources of the State; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona has a continuing responsibility and obligation for strengthening its disaster response to such conditions; and,

WHEREAS, disaster declarations by the Governor of Arizona under Section 35-192, Arizona Revised Statutes, and by the President of the United States, pursuant to Section 301, Public Law 93-288, provide for the allocation of public funds to alleviate the damage, loss, hardship, or suffering resulting from such disasters; and,

WHEREAS, the Director, Arizona Division of Emergency Services, has been designated as the Governor's Authorized Representative for Federal disaster assistance and has been designated as the State official to administer the Governor's Emergency Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce Babbitt, Governor of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State and in accordance with the provisions of Section 26-302 Arizona Revised Statutes it is ordered as follows:

1. The Director, Arizona Division of Emergency Services is responsible for the administration of any funds made available by the State of Arizona or by any agency of the Federal government for meeting conditions constituting a state of emergency or a Presidential declaration of a major disaster. In this capacity said Director:
 - a. Shall disburse the funds and sign encumbrances, claims and other pertinent documents and will maintain such records as are normally acceptable for audit purposes.
 - b. May, pursuant to State of Arizona procurement procedures, develop, negotiate and consummate contracts or leases with individuals, institutions or commercial agencies to prevent or minimize the loss of lives or property, to ease the suffering of disaster victims or to effect repairs, restoration and other assistance to eligible applicants.
 - c. May employ necessary additional personnel by exempt appointment or individual contract, within the availability of disaster-related funds, to effect full recovery measures, or to provide training and public information to enhance protection, survival and recovery from future disasters.
 - d. May, pursuant to State of Arizona procurement procedures, contract for the conduct of feasibility studies to analyze the adequacy of present personnel, procedures and equipment to cope with disasters and for a determination of changes or additional resources that will be required.
2. This Executive Order applies to a declared state of emergency and the authorities authorized herein to the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Services for that period only.
3. All non-statutory practices in conflict with the foregoing are herewith rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be to the Great Seal of Arizona.

Bruce Babbitt
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this fourteenth day of June in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Nine and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Third.

Attest:

Lee P. Boyd
Secretary of State